



October 18, 2013



#### Acer Exhibits Buys Havre de Grace Warehouse

Acer Exhibits will be expanding in Harford County with the purchase of a 167,270 sq. ft. warehouse in Havre de Grace. The building will be used to expand the company's laser manufacturing and work shop plus additional office and storage space. [www.acerexhibits.com](http://www.acerexhibits.com)



#### Zenith Global Logistics Relocates to Harford County

Zenith Global Logistics, a specialized furniture carrier based in North Carolina is relocating its Maryland hub from Elkton to the Enterprise Business Park in Aberdeen. Zenith is moving into 88,000 sq. ft. at 1501 Perryman Road in Aberdeen. [www.zenithcompanies.com](http://www.zenithcompanies.com)



#### Bel Air Town Center Completes \$1 Million Renovation

The 93,000 sq. ft. Bel Air Town Center has received a \$1 Million facelift. Facade changes include adding decorative stonework to columns, installing fabric awnings, widening the sidewalk to accommodate outdoor seating for the Center's restaurants, plus new signage, parking lot improvements and landscaping. A new Starbuck's has signed a letter of intent and will open its first drive-through location in Maryland with no interior seating. [www.belairtowncenter.com](http://www.belairtowncenter.com)



#### Kohl's Ecommerce Center Hiring 1,400 for Holiday Season

Kohl's plans to hire approximately 1,400 for seasonal positions at its e-commerce distribution center in Edgewood. The jobs are both full and part time positions. Kohl's retail stores in the Baltimore area also plan to hire about 40 people per store for seasonal positions. Details can be found at Kohl's careers page.

[www.kohls Careers.com/distribution/?jobID=149576](http://www.kohls Careers.com/distribution/?jobID=149576)

#### Harford FIRST! A New Economic Development Initiative

The Harford County Office of Economic Development (OED) has launched the Harford FIRST! program in response to numerous discussions with manufacturing and distribution industries about the difficulty of finding young employees, OED is using direct marketing to educate students and parents on the types of jobs and careers available right here in Harford County. OED handed out information on the program at the College & Career Fair sponsored by Harford County Public Schools where over 2,000 students attended. More information can be found at [www.harfordbusiness.org](http://www.harfordbusiness.org).

#### University Research Park Study Presented

More than 60 people attended the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) meeting on October 9, 2013. Mitch Horowitz of Battelle Technology Partnership Practice presented the results and recommendations from the Feasibility Assessment and Action plan for a University Research Park. EDAB Chair Eric McLaughlin also presented recommendations to the group. The complete report and a copy of the EDAB slide presentation are available at [www.apg-cssc.com](http://www.apg-cssc.com).

#### Connect Harford at APGFCU

Registration is still open for Connect Harford at APGFCU on November 1, 2013. Connect Harford is a premiere brainstorming event that will bring together leaders and merging leaders from the business, government and education communities to provide input on how best to maximize the full potential of Harford County. Keynote Speaker is Admiral Mike Mullen, USN (Ret.), former Chairman, U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required - 443-412-2631.

[www.harford.edu/ConnectHarford](http://www.harford.edu/ConnectHarford)

#### \$1 Billion in Federal Contracting Opportunities

Local construction firms should consider attending Contract

Connections, a series of events presented by the State of Maryland to educate and connect Maryland's construction industry. There will be three workshops, *Unique Demands of Federal Contracting - Military Construction*, October 29, 1-4:30 p.m. to held at Camden Yards Warehouse, 6th Floor Banquet Room and again on October 31, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Prince George's County Economic Development Corp. in Largo. A third workshop on the Army Corp of Engineers - Industry Day Event to learn their procurement plans will be held November 5 at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center from 8 am.-12 p.m. Details can be found at:

[www.choosemaryland.org/moveyourbusiness/Pages/B2G.aspx](http://www.choosemaryland.org/moveyourbusiness/Pages/B2G.aspx)

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#### **Save The Dates**

*November 1, 2013, 7:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.*

##### **Connect Harford**

Keynote speaker: Admiral Mike Mullen, USN (Ret.), former Chairman U.S., Joint Chiefs of Staff  
APGFCU Arena at Harford Community College  
443-412-2631

*November 1, 2013*

##### **Grand Opening Celebrations**

Four new businesses on the new & improved S. Main Street, Bel Air  
Details to be announced, [www.downtownbelair.com](http://www.downtownbelair.com)

*November 5, 2013, 4-5 p.m.*

##### **Stories from the Trenches: Breaking into Government Contracting**

The GROUND FLOOR AT HARFORD  
2021 G Pulaski Hwy, Havre de Grace  
Free - RSVP to Eva Hanley by Nov. 1 at 410-273-5708  
[www.groundfloorharford.com](http://www.groundfloorharford.com)

*November 6, 2013, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.*

##### **Economic Outlook Conference**

Regional Economics Studies Institute  
Towson University West Village Commons  
Special focus on the economic impact of the film industry in Maryland  
<http://www.towson.edu/innovation/conference/>

*November 6, 2013, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.*

##### **APG APBI 101 - Basic Knowledge for the Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry at APG**

Harford Business Innovation Center (HBIC)  
1362 Brass Mill Road, Belcamp  
410-306-6144

*November 6, 2013, 12-1 p.m.*

##### **Women Owned Business Certification**

Harford Business Innovation Center (HBIC)  
1362 Brass Mill Road, Belcamp  
410-306-6144

*November 18, 2013*

##### **3rd Annual Entrepreneur Expo A Conference for Today's Entrepreneur**

BWI Airport Marriott  
[www.innovatemd.com](http://www.innovatemd.com)

*November 21, 2013, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.*

##### **APG APBI 101 - Basic Knowledge for the Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry at APG**

Harford Business Innovation Center (HBIC)  
1362 Brass Mill Road, Belcamp  
410-306-6144

*November 22, 2013, Time TBD*

##### **Secrets to Successful Contracting Webinar**

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1362 Brass Mill Road, Belcamp  
410-306-6144

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